

**Maryland Public Art Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2017 9:00- 10:30 AM**  
**Maryland State Arts Council, 175 W. Ostend St. Suite E, Baltimore, MD**

**Present:** Liesel Fenner, Julie Madden, Catherine Leggett, Nancy Kurtz, Kathy O'Dell, Elaine Bachmann, Rand Griffin. By phone: Liling Tien.

**Call to Order:** Catherine Leggett called the meeting to order at: 9:08.

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from 4-6-17, were presented to those attending and approved at 9:12.

**MSAC Updates:** Julie Madden, Acting Executive Director, gave an update on MSAC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being celebrated in FY17-18. The celebration will kick-off with a reception September 28, at the Maritime Museum in Annapolis with Honorary Chair, First Lady Hogan. The year-long celebration will also include a public art program awarding public art grants to County Arts Councils statewide. She also noted that the applications/resumes are being reviewed for the MSAC Executive Director position and interviews will start in August.

**Public Art Program Director Report:**

**Project Updates:**

- UMB, Health Sciences Facility III: The sculpture is in fabrication in Los Angeles by artist, Eric Peltzer. The artwork will debut in Fall 2017, during MSAC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- UMBC, Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building: Artist Volkan Alkanoglu of Cambridge, MA was selected March 26, 2017, by the Artist Selection Committee. Elaine Bachmann was the MPAC representative on the Committee and commented that she enjoyed participating and was impressed by the process of narrowing down 230 applicants to three semi-finalists - then interviewing the artists and selecting the finalist, Alkanoglu.
- Maryland National Guard Easton Readiness Center Project: Forty applications were received from Maryland artists. Four artists were selected as semi-finalists and visited the site with the project committee and general contractor on June 15. The artists will individually present their proposals to the Artist Selection Committee July 26, and one finalist will be selected for the Commission. Nancy shared her experience serving on the Artist Selection Panel.
- Catonsville State Courthouse: Liesel is working with Barry Miller of DBM in planning the public art project. The ground-breaking took place in March and construction is underway. Preliminary discussions are looking at the public artwork being sited in the lobby of the Courthouse.
- Universities at Shady Grove: Part of the University of Maryland system, USG is located in Rockville, MD. The new Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Education Facility (BSE) will integrate a public artwork with multiple components both in the interior and exterior of the building. The Artist Selection Committee has met twice with Liling Tien serving as the MPAC representative and the RFQ is being finalized for release.

- Annapolis Post Office: The public art budget has not been finalized. Liesel talked about the creative potential for the artwork being integrated in the renovation of this historic building.

#### **MPAI Updates:**

We are continuing to resolve the public art procurement process with DGS. Proposed process: DBM and Commerce will have an MOU agreement stating MSAC would administer public art projects for DGS. MSAC Public Art Program Director would approve artist invoices before being paid by DGS out of the building capital funds. Liesel reviewed this proposed process with Anne Klase and the Comptroller's Office agreed with the proposal. It will need to be approved by BPW.

Nancy noted a new rule has passed that we could receive an exemption for public art procurement in state historic building projects.

Rand Griffin emphasized the goal of amending the MPAI legislation for the 2018 legislative session. Proposed: revise the MPAI legislation to include capital construction projects not 100% state funded to be eligible for MPAI projects. We will need to identify a Senator to sponsor the bill.

#### MPAC Commissioners Update:

Liesel discussed the two remaining vacancies on the Commission. Molline Jackson was approved by the Commission. We have two candidates: an architect, Leslie Kahn of Montgomery County, and a City Engineer, Rodney Tissue of Washington County who led the Hagerstown Cultural Trail Master Plan and is currently integrating public art projects along the trail. Both candidates are interested in joining the Commission. Liesel will follow-up and send background information on Kahn and Tissue for the Commission's review and approval before advancing to the Secretary of Commerce.

9-11 Memorial of Maryland: The annual laying of a wreath is scheduled Monday, September 11, at 8:40 AM. A Maryland National Guard Army Chaplain will lay the wreath. Catherine inquired about the conservation of the Memorial. Liesel noted there is a small divot in the marble and is contacting a conservator skilled in the Jahn patching technique, as recommended by Nancy.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM**

#### **Future MPAC meetings:**

October 19, 2017

January 18, 2018

April 19, 2018

July 19, 2018